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In re Application of:

Applicant(s): Wadood Hamad

Serial No.: 09/522,359

Filing Date: 03/09/2000

Entitled: Engineered Crack-Resistant Paper and Board

Examiner: Ferguson, Lawrence

Our File Ref.: TEC-6007-US

: Group Art Unit: 1774

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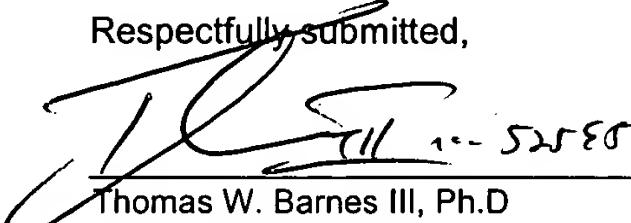
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**RE: SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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With kindest regards,

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